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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Confirmation No.: 4912

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Art Unit: 1793

Application No.: 10/587,275

Examiner: Jessee Randall ROE

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For: METHOD FOR SURFACE TREATMENT OF METAL MATERIAL

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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March 30, 2009

Sir:

The Office Action dated March 2, 2009 has been received and carefully noted. The following remarks are submitted as a full and complete response thereto.

The Office Action of March 2, 2009 presented an election of species requirement, requiring election between one of the following two species:

Species I, recited in claims 2 and 3, drawn to a method for treating a surface of a metal material by applying amino resin to the surface of the metal material; and

Species II, recited in claim 4, drawn to a method for treating a surface of a metal material by not applying amino resin to the surface of the metal material.

The Office Action indicated that claims 1 and 5-9 were generic. Applicants therefore respectfully elect prosecution of Species I, as recited in claims 2 and 3, drawn to a method for

treating a surface of a metal material by applying amino resin to the surface of the metal material. In view of the indications of the generic claims, Applicants therefore respectfully request substantive examination on the subject matter of claims 1-3, and 5-9. Upon finding of allowability of one of the generic claims, substantive examination of all claims would be respectfully requested. Applicants therefore respectfully request timely consideration on the merits.

Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application on the non-elected claims at any point prior to the termination of the proceedings in the subject application.

In the event this paper is not being timely filed, the applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension together with any additional fees may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account 50-2222.

Respectfully submitted,



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